



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

Mon - 8:30am - 12:30pm  
Tues-Fri - 9:00am - 1:00pm

## MULTI-CHURCH EASTER CELEBRATION

UCB Radio invites you to a multi-church Easter celebration! It will have scripture readings, songs, and prayers celebrating our risen Saviour.

It will be outdoors at the Waverley Park on **TODAY** from 2:00pm - 2:30pm. Bring a lawn chair and waterproof boots, and gather at the new pavilion in the park. He is risen!

## HONOURING MARYELLEN FLEMING

Sunday April 24th St. Andrew's will take some time during the worship service to honour the witness of faith, joy, hope, and love that was the life of Maryellen Fleming within our congregation.

If you have a Maryellen story that you would like to share or have Rev. Joyce share please connect with Joyce this week. As per the family's wishes, and if friends so desire, donations may be made to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church or the Thunder Bay and District Humane Society.

As Maryellen wished, cremation has taken place and no formal celebration of life will be held.

## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

In Afghanistan, an excited Salma had just passed Grade 4, but Salma's father didn't want her to continue her education because the school was too far away. When a meeting with the school didn't change his mind, community and religious leaders involved with a girls' education project visited Salma's parents. They explained the importance of education for girls from both human rights and religious perspectives. After a few hours of discussion, Salma received permission to return to school. Unfortunately, the current political situation in Afghanistan means many children are faced with uncertainty about their futures, particularly girls. This education project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Christian stewardship recognises that everything we have belongs to God and that we are called to care for all that God has given to us. We are honoured to be given this role.

*The Church of Scotland*

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service for the late Peggy Graham will be held at St. Andrew's on **Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00am. There will be family visitation at the church a half hour prior to service time.

## EASTER PRAYER

We praise you, living God,  
with songs and prayers and listening hearts  
and lives trying to obey your will.

You have created and are creating,  
bringing life and hope and love.

You come in Jesus, your Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new.

In a culture where the power death gets all the headlines your Holy Spirit summons us to be people shaped by your power to work resurrection.

We are not sure we believe as fully as we think we should. We are not sure we trust as deeply as we think you require. But we bring who we are and what we have become into your presence, longing to know your grace and your love.

Forgive what has gone wrong.

Repair in us what is broken.

Reveal in us what is good and turn us toward it.

So may we follow wherever your Spirit may lead.

So may we love with the love of Jesus flowing through us.

So may we, body, mind and spirit,  
be children of resurrection,  
children of hope,  
children of grace.

In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*~ posted on Christine Jerrett.*

*<https://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/>*

## TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Looking for something good to do with that unexpected refund on your license plates? Should you not need the refund, consider donating all or a portion to the Ukrainian Crisis appeal, as an extra donation to Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), Presbyterian Sharing, or a charity of your choice.



## From Joyce

Today we shout, sing, pray, and say the refrain of "Christ is Risen!" It is one thing to celebrate this and another to live it each and everyday. To believe in the power of the Risen Christ is to believe that we are not alone, that God goes with us everyday. This is not so hard to do when our lives are feeling blessed and we have the abundance that many in Canada do. Still, I cannot help but think how does one celebrate Easter when your city is being bombed, death is all around, the heavy damage and fear of war is ever present? Or how do you celebrate Easter when you know that the food bank will be providing the feast, you are not sure how you will get to the next paycheck and the bills are piling up? How do you celebrate when your relationships are teetering on collapse, a loved one is dying, or you are facing unimaginable hardship?

The promise of God is not that we will be free from suffering, but rather, because Christ came to us in the flesh and blood of Jesus, God understands our suffering, knows intimately the suffering that can threaten and says, you are not alone. In God we are promised that in our suffering God is present and right there with us and though the darkness of Good Friday looms, there is promise of hope and new life that will emerge as it did that Easter Day. As I preached last Sunday the cross has to be experienced, it can't just be talked about it or written about. When you trust the death and resurrection of Christ, let that mystery just be mystery, somehow the hope and promise of Easter becomes real to us. May the hope that was brought forth in victory over darkness and death that Easter morning fill you with the life-giving love and promise of God come to us.

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### WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S

**e-transfer:** [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

- If you have an offering (envelope) number with the church and you know it, be sure to include that and your full name in the Message box.
- For all others, please include your first and last names along with your full address in the message box so we can send you a donation receipt.

**Website:** You can donate by credit card using the "Donate Now" link on the website.

**Preauthorized Remittance:** This is a monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account that can be set up with the bookkeeper. Email Barb at [accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net) to have a form sent to you.

**Mail:** You can mail in a donation to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 207 S. Brodie St. Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5X8. Or just drop it off in the mailbox at the church.

Thank you for supporting the life, ministry, and mission of St. Andrew's. You make a difference!

